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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, SN, US

SUBJECT: NEWS LEAK CONCERNING SINGAPORE REQUEST FOR F-5S

REF: SINGAPORE 3481

1. DEPARTMENT ALSO REGRETS THAT STORY OF SINGAPORE REQUEST FOR LETTER OF OFFER/ACCEPTANCE ON F-5 PURCHASE HAS LEAKED TO PRESS. DO NOT KNOW SOURCE OF LEAK, BUT EVIDENCE INDICATES IT WAS NOT RPT NOT WITHIN DEPARTMENT. RE PARA THREE YOUR MESSAGE, SOURCE OF QUOTATION WAS DOD'S UNCLASSIFIED FY 1977 CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION.

2. FOLLOWING IS DEPARTMENT'S PRESS GUIDANCE ON THE STORY. (NO QUESTIONS WERE RAISED AT DEPARTMENT'S JULY 20 PRESS BRIEFING.) QUOTE:  
QUESTION: REUTERS IS REPORTING THAT SINGAPORE WILL BE PURCHASING 21 F-5E FIGHTERS FROM THE U.S. AT A COST OF DOLS. 100 MILLION. CAN YOU CONFIRM THIS AND PROVIDE CONFIDENTIAL

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ANY DETAILS?

ANSWER: THE MATTER IS BEING DISCUSSED BUT THE STORY IS PREMATURE AND I'M NOT IN A POSITION TO COMMENT ON IT AT THIS TIME.

QUESTION: DOES THAT MEAN THAT IT IS UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION?

ANSWER: I HAVE NOTHING BEYOND THIS. END QUOTE.

3. MESSAGE FROM USDAO SINGAPORE CONVEYING GOS REQUEST RECEIVED HERE FIVE WORKING DAYS AGO AND IS NOW BEING PROCESSED. WE FORESEE NO PROBLEMS OR SPECIAL DIFFICULTIES IN PROCESSING AND, BARRING UNEXPECTED HITCH, EXPECT APPROVAL SHORTLY. WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED. KISSINGER

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